

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Base Rate Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Base Rate

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Foster Care Base Rate program is designed to meet the basic needs of children in foster care.

Core Services

- The Foster Care Base Rate program reimburses foster parents for the basic, ongoing costs of raising a child.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$17,246,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

The OCS needs more foster parents to meet the needs of Alaska's foster children. Not having enough appropriate and culturally relevant foster placement options impacts the ability of the OCS to place children in homes where their best interests can be met, increases the likelihood of multiple placements for children and is contradictory to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

Foster care base funds provide for food; clothing; shelter; daily supervision normally carried out by a parent; personal and grooming items; school supplies and regular school activities; age appropriate games, toys, books, and recreational equipment; general recreation such as picnics, community sports, and movies; usual transportation expenses; allowance; babysitting and child care. The OCS requested and received a 28.9% increase in foster home reimbursements – the first increase in over 8 years. This increase is anticipated to have a direct impact on the OCS's ability to provide foster parents adequate reimbursement for these basic needs and enhance our ability recruit and retain good foster homes.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

Provided foster care services to an average of 1,800 children (based on full time equivalents to compensate for the movement of children in and out of the program) each month.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions, duties of department
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.14.100	Care of Children
AS 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income
Titles IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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**Foster Care Base Rate
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	97.0	144.4	144.4
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	10,022.4	17,101.6	17,101.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	10,119.4	17,246.0	17,246.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,534.1	3,512.9	3,512.9
1003 General Fund Match	4,145.7	3,902.8	3,902.8
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,590.4	7,287.6	7,287.6
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	700.0	0.0	0.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	2,149.2	2,542.7	2,542.7
Funding Totals	10,119.4	17,246.0	17,246.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	1,534.1	3,512.9	3,512.9
Receipt Supported Services	51073	2,149.2	2,542.7	2,542.7
Restricted Total		3,683.3	6,055.6	6,055.6
Total Estimated Revenues		3,683.3	6,055.6	6,055.6

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

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	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	11,190.4	3,512.9	2,542.7	17,246.0
FY2010 Governor	11,190.4	3,512.9	2,542.7	17,246.0